

## TOWN OF EGREMONT INVITATION TO BID

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The Town of Egremont, acting through its Highway Department, invites sealed bids from contractors approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the Mount Washington Road Bridge Replacement & Related Work project. Copies of the plans and specifications are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM starting Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 2:00pm at Foresight Land Services, 1496 West Housatonic Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201 upon payment of \$50.00 by check (company, cashiers or certified) made out to the Town of Egremont for each set, refundable if plans and specifications are returned unmarked within fourteen (14) calendar days after the bid opening. An additional SEPARATE payment of \$20.00, non-refundable is required if postal delivery is necessary. Checks shall be payable to the Town of Egremont. Electronic copies of the bid documents are also available; no deposit is required for electronic documents.

The work to be performed includes replacement of the existing 13.5-foot span bridge over Karner Brook with a new 24-foot span, three sided precast concrete culvert on precast concrete spread footings and related work. All applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and rules shall be observed.

Sealed bids from General Contractors, submitted on the proper forms and clearly marked **“Mount Washington Road Bridge Replacement & Related Work”** shall be received at the Office of the Board of Selectmen, 171 Egremont Plain Road (Route 71), P.O. Box 368, Egremont, MA 01258 until Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 2:00pm at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. See itemized proposal with special provisions for additional submittal requirements.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 2:00pm (meet at Mount Washington Road Bridge).

Only prospective bidders who are prequalified for this project by MassDOT will be entitled to bid on this project. The estimated project value to be included on the pre-qualification form is \$500,000.00.

The Bid Guaranty from each General Contractor shall be in the form of cash bid bond, certified check, Treasurer's or Cashier's check, drawn upon a responsible bank or trust company doing business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall be made payable to the Town of Egremont. The Bid Guaranty shall be five percent (5%) of the bid amount for General Contractors.

The work under this contract shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 30, Section 39M of the Massachusetts General Laws. Wages are subject to Massachusetts's minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, inclusive. The contractor must certify that s/he shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, religion, or physical or mental handicap. The Contractor must agree to comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local statutes, rules and regulations, prohibiting discrimination in employment.

A one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Payment Bond with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required of the successful bidder within 7 business days of Notice of Award.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications including evidence of past performance in similar projects, bid price, and MassDOT prequalification. The Contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the Awarding Authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The Town of Egremont reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any informality in the bids received, and to accept the bid deemed to be most favorable to the best interest of the Town. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and not withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the date of opening the bids.

The Town of Egremont is an equal opportunity employer and encourages minority and woman owned businesses to submit bids.

The Town of Egremont is a municipal corporation and is exempt from the payment of sales and compensating use taxes to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on all materials, equipment and supplies sold to the Contractor pursuant to this contract, to the extent authorized by G.L.c. 64H, Section 6(f). These taxes are not to be included in the bid. Copies of the Owner's tax-exempt certificate will be available to the successful Bidder upon execution of the contract.

Questions during the Bid Phase should be directed to Foresight Land Services, Inc. (413) 499-1560.

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Town of Egremont